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Veterans Travel Equity Act of 2008 (Introduced in House)

HR 6287 IH

110th CONGRESS

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H. R. 6287

To amend title 38, United States Code, to change the method of determining the mileage reimbursement rate under the beneficiary travel program administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

June 17, 2008

Mr. SOUDER (for himself and Mr. ELLSWORTH) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs



A BILL

To amend title 38, United States Code, to change the method of determining the mileage reimbursement rate under the beneficiary travel program administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the `VeteransTravelEquityAct of 2008'.

SEC. 2. VETERANS BENEFICIARY TRAVEL PROGRAM.

(a) Determination of Mileage Reimbursement Rate- Subsection (g)(1) of section 111 of title 38, United States Code, is amended to read as follows:

`(g)(1) In determining the amount of any allowance or reimbursement to be paid under this section, the Secretary shall use the mileage reimbursement rates for the use of privately owned vehicles

by Government employees on official business, as prescribed by theAdministrator of General Services under section 5707(b) of title 5.'

(b) Elimination of Income Eligibility and Service-Connected Disability Rating Requirements- Section 111 of such title is amended by adding at theend thefollowing:

` (i) Effective beginning on the90th day following thedate of enactment of this subsection, theSecretary may not impose any income or pension eligibility requirement, or require any service connected disability rating, for a veteran to be eligible for an allowance or reimbursement under this section and shall eliminate any such requirements in effect before such 90th day.'

(c) Effective Date- Theamendment made by subsection (a) shall apply with respect to travelexpenses incurred after theexpiration of the90-day period that begins on thedate of enactment of this Act.

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